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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PCAT, XM  
SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 220256

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM ON SEPTEMBER 11, UNDER MINISTER FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS RUDI WALDIE WILLEMZORG AND ACTING COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES LT. COL. R.G. ESSED, BOTH OF WHOM ATTENDED THE LATIN AMERICAN ARMS LIMITATION CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY, SAID THEY CONSIDERED THE CONFERENCE TO BE A SUCCESS. THEY THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE ESTABLISHED A GOOD BASIS FOR SERIOUS ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS IN THE HEMISPHERE, EVEN THOUGH FURTHER MEETINGS ARE NECESSARY BEFORE A PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THEY MENTIONED THE NEED FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING ON THE SUBJECT NEXT YEAR. THEY INDICATED THAT SURINAME WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN ORGANIZATION IF AND WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS FOREIGN POLICY GOALS, SURINAME WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS IN SUCH AN ORGANIZATION TO LIMIT TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN ARMS AND THE USE OF OTHERS.

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2. WILLEMZORG AND ESSED REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON THEIR VIEWS OF CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE OR THE DESIRABILITY OF CUBA BEING A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. THEY DID NOTE THAT IN THEIR VIEW CUBA WAS QUITE ACTIVE AT THE CONFERENCE, ALONG WITH VENEZUELA, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, AND PERU.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SURINAME'S VIEWS ON CUBA  
IN THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE LARGELY CONDITIONED BY THE  
POSITIONS OF LARGER LATIN AMERICAN POWERS SUCH AS VENEZUELA.  
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